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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SEATO, TH

SUBJECT: 20TH COUNCIL MEETING

REF:A) BANGKOK 18383 B) MANILA 12333

1. PWG MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5 HAVE REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR COUNCIL MEETING. RE PARA 3 REFTEL (A) , PHILIPPINE MEMBER HAS ACQUIESCED TO THE INCLUSION OF QUOTE THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMED THAT THE SOUTHEAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENSE TREATY SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNQUOTE IN THE DRAFT DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS PAPER AND THE DRAFT COUNCIL PRESS STATEMENT. THIS COULD MEAN THE GOP HAS REVIEWED THE TREATY AND DECIDED TO RETAIN IT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT DOES NOT RULE OUT THE PROSPECT OF THEIR PROPOSING CO-TERMINATION OF SEATO AND THE PACT AT THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B.

2. THE AUSTRALIAN PWG MEMBER HAS CONTINUED TO PURSUE
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A NARROW NATIONAL VIEW BY ATTEMPTING TO INJECT PREMATURE

LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE FATE OF SEATO INTO THE COUNCIL
MINISTERS PAPERS. HIS PROPOSALS HAVE WON HIM ONLY
PARTIAL SUPPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND WE FIND IT DIFFI-
CULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY HE CHOOSES TO ANTAGONIZE THE THAI
POSITION. HIS PROPOSALS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE
PWG IN ANY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT ALTHOUGH WE MAY CONCLUDE
WITH ONE OR TWO BRACKETED RESERVATIONS.

3. PWG WILL MEET ON 9 SEPTEMBER FOLLOWED BY COUNCIL
REPS MEETING ON 10 SEPTEMBER.
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